



To inform inhabitants of unnammed area in occupied France that water in tank is unfit for human consumption without first boiling, these German soldiers made up the rhyme shown. Cartoon sets off rhyme. Passed by Nazi censor.

Steel Workers' Hospitalization Plan Goes Into Effect Here

As result of a last-minute reversal of an approving permit, the Columbia Steel Employees' Hospitalization Plan was launched June 1 with only the workers themselves as beneficiaries, it was learned Monday from J. H. Hanks, chairman of the board of 17 directors in charge of the Plan.

Hanks said that despite the decision of the Sacramento headquarters of the State Insurance Commissioner not to endorse the Plan that was to have provided coverage for both workers and their families after such approval had been signified by the Los Angeles office of the state official, nearly 300 steel employees have retained memberships in the service.

The entire Plan has been re-written, Hanks said, "to cover employees only until such time as the state law is amended to include workers' dependents. We are not the only group affected by the interpretation given the state law by the state insurance commissioner and other larger groups are now seeking such an amendment.

"The Plan, as re-written, calls for complete coverage to steel employees at a cost of \$1.50 per month which is the lowest in the state," Chairman Hanks continued. "It includes all surgical and hospital expense in cases of sickness as well as accidental injuries. It also covers doctors' calls at home, office or hospital except in a few instances. A Hospitalization Plan subscriber is entitled to the services of the doctor and hospital of his choice anywhere in the world."

Hanks said that less than 10 percent of the original subscribers to the Plan that was to have included dependents as well as the workers themselves had dropped out of the list when it was announced that employees only would benefit under the revised plan.

Chamber Elects Felker, Re-elects Smith and McIntyre to Board

Max Felker, owner of the Felker Manufacturing Company located on Emerald ave. was elected to succeed T. A. Mitchell as a director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday. Sherwood McIntyre and R. R. Smith were re-elected to three-year terms on the board with Felker.

These three, together with Dean L. Sears, Harvel Guttenfelder, Fred Isaacs, O. A. Kresge, Fay L. Parks and A. H. Sillgo, will meet June 16 to elect new officers for the ensuing year.

MARCH OF RINES

PIONEER DAY By H. F. NOAKE

Though we have holidays galore, there still seems room for just one more, one day apart, throughout the years, in memory of our pioneers. Great men and women, long since gone, who blazed dark trails and carried on. Such folks as Cody, Fulton, Morse; Revere, and his immortal horse. Jane Addams, Fritchie, others too, undaunted souls who saw things through. Tom Edison and Brothers Wright; thank them for aeroplanes and light. Though all have passed beyond the vale, their gifts to mankind still prevail; so let us have one day each year in honor of the PIONEER.

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Sons of Legion Convene Here Saturday

School Budget Forecasts Heavy Tax Next Year

Forecasting the heaviest school tax in history, a tentative 1941-42 budget of \$44,594,728 was presented to the Los Angeles board of education Monday night, topping by \$1,110,053 the current year's fiscal plan. Using the present assessed valuation as a basis, the budget, if adopted, would skyrocket the tax rate from \$1.79 to approximately \$2, it was reported.

The possible record figure, it was disclosed, does not include taxes to pay for anticipated requests, including \$300,000 for an additional salary increase for elementary teachers.

Superintendent Vierling Kersey was instructed by board members to whittle off all possible expenses by the next budget session which is scheduled for tonight. In addition to this meeting, the board will hold special budget sessions June 9 and 12.

The California Taxpayers' Association had this to say about the proposed school budget: "It could be cut at least \$600,000 and the school tax rate for next year reduced at least four cents per \$100 of assessed valuation if the board plans a spending program which recognizes the fact that there were 3,486 fewer children enrolled in the city schools for the school month ending May 2 than there were for the corresponding month one year ago."

Camera-Fans Invited to Exhibit Tonight

Shutter-snappers of both sexes and any age are cordially invited to the meeting and exhibition of the Torrance Camera Club tonight at 8 o'clock in the exhibit room of the public library.

E. G. Rowell of 1348 Carson st. who is arranging the meeting, invited all amateur photographers to bring their best prints - of any size, subject matter, mounted or unmounted - to the meeting for inspection, criticism and awarding of prizes of valuable camera supplies.

As yet the Camera Club has no officers, dues, by-laws or regular meeting time but Rowell is interested in forming an organization and wants to talk over the idea with other camera enthusiasts tonight.

Ideco Working On Huge Order

International Derrick and Equipment Company is engaged on \$150,000 worth of finishing work on ship plates for harbor shipyard construction. E. G. Meeks, secretary-treasurer, disclosed this week.

Meeks said the work consisted chiefly of galvanizing and painting. The plant at 2410 Carson st. is also busy with other national defense metal products and recently obtained permission from the city council to build an extension to its rail spur to facilitate movement of its products.

Announcement of the defense orders held by the company completes the list of major Torrance industrial establishments whose operations are now concentrated on national defense work. The others are Columbia Steel, National Supply and Rubbercraft, holding aircraft material orders, and the D & M Machine Works, a \$600,000 machine tools order.

LEGION MEETING Members of the Torrance American Legion will hold a dinner-meeting Tuesday, June 17, starting at 8:30 o'clock.

Mayor Proclaims June 8 to 14 As "Flag Week" In Torrance

To the Citizens of Torrance, Greetings: WHEREAS, in these days of world-wide turmoil, with subversive forces and influences striving to discredit and destroy the ideals and institutions symbolized by our country's flag, all loyal Americans should answer this challenge by displaying and paying tribute to that flag as the emblem of our rights and liberties; and,

WHEREAS, With this end in view, the period June 8 to 14 has been designated as Flag Week by the United States Flag Association, during which time patriotic exercises and other appropriate functions are to be held in towns and cities throughout all the land,

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of Torrance, I do proclaim June 8 to 14 as FLAG WEEK and direct that during this period the flag of the United States be displayed on all municipal buildings and vehicles. Furthermore, I do invite the people of Torrance to display the Stars and Stripes at their homes, places of business and other suitable locations as well as on their cars, and to hold patriotic exercises, plan flag parades and do other suitable things as a public expression of our love of our country, our allegiance to its glorious banner and our belief in the institutions of American democracy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Torrance to be affixed this 4th day of June, 1941.

(Signed) TOM F. McGUIRE, Mayor of the city of Torrance.

Recall Sabotage Move Revealed; Petitions Ready

Despite efforts to sabotage the work of the Recall Committee, Chairman Charles Mitschlich reported yesterday that there would be sufficient signatures ready to file this weekend to demand an election for the ouster from office of Councilmen Powell, Babcock and Murray.

"Our fellow workers have uncovered the activities of a certain young woman who is circulating a so-called 'recall petition' which has not been authorized by the Recall Committee," Mitschlich said. "Apparently the scheme is to secure signatures to the 'phony' petition in the hope that when our authorized petition circulators call at the homes they will be told that the residents have already signed. However, in a number of instances, when the nefarious trick was explained, those who innocently signed the 'phony' petition have re-signed one of our authorized ones.

"If anyone is in doubt, we request that they contact the Recall Committee headquarters at 1409 Marcelina avenue, phone (Continued on Page 8-A)

Seven Draftees Leave Torrance This Morning

Seven more men, four from Torrance, two from Gardena and one from Lomita, reported at Selective Service headquarters, 1337 El Prado this morning at 6:30 o'clock to leave as the ninth draft contingent to enter Army training from this area.

The combined 10th and 11th draft call-outs is scheduled for June 18 at 6:30 a. m., when six men will go from this district. Date for the 12th call, which will take seven men from here, is June 25 at 6:30 a. m. That call will bring to 35,554 the number of men drawn in California since the beginning of Selective Service.

To date a total of 144 have entered training from this area. The men who were given a cordial farewell send-off in front of the Torrance Civic Auditorium this morning were: Earl Ray Myrick, 20, unemployed, 25113 Narbonne ave. Lomita.

Phillips Dewey Barnes, 23, pharmaceutical laboratory worker, 1166 Gardena Blvd. Gardena. (Continued on Page 8-A)

Six Indicate Frolic Should Be Continued

Only six persons attended a meeting to decide the fate of the 1941 Torrance Factory Frolic at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday night but they indicated the civic celebration should be held next September and that they would participate in it. This decision, however, does not assure continuance of the three-year-old festival because it takes more than six people to plan and stage the Frolic.

Monday night's meeting was the fifth one held to consider plans for continuance of the celebration. As yet no organization has been perfected and the important post of general chairman has not been filled because all who have been mentioned for that job have declined to serve.

Dean L. Sears, as chairman of the Advertising and Promotion committee of the Chamber of Commerce, presided at the last Frolic session. The motion endorsing the 1941 festival was made by Mrs. Alrey of the Lomita Elementary P.T.A. Others present were Mrs. W. I. Laughon, Torrance Woman's club; Mrs. Baker, Royal Neighbors; J. A. Evans, Moose lodge, and E. E. Murchison, Kiwanis club.

L. A. May Apportion \$25,000 for Western Ave. Right-of-Way

The sum of \$25,000 has been recommended for allocation from the gasoline tax fund of the city of Los Angeles to secure right-of-way on Western ave. from Anaheim Blvd. to Torrance Blvd. Los Angeles City Councilman S. G. V. Cunningham offered to recommend this apportionment following a recent conference with Los Angeles officials and Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Torrance chamber.

The group believes that with \$25,000 secured from the city of Los Angeles, that city would then be in a position, if Federal funds became available, to apply such funds to the completion of Western ave.

TO NOMINATE OFFICERS Members of S.W.O.C. lodge 1414 will nominate officers at a meeting set for Saturday morning, 10 o'clock at the Steel Workers' hall on Cravens avenue. The election is scheduled for June 14.

80 Southland Cities Sending Delegates and Parade Units to Parley

Participating in one of the greatest displays of Sons of the American Legion strength ever mobilized in the state, members of that organization—several hundred strong—will convene in Torrance next Saturday, June 7, for an all-day program. This will be the third annual Fourth Area

SCHEDULE OF S.A.L. EVENTS

Here, in brief, is the complete official program for the Sons of the American Legion convention in Torrance Saturday, June 7:

8 a. m.—Registration of delegates at the Civic Auditorium.

9 a. m.—Committee and commission meetings in the Auditorium and Chamber of Commerce building.

10 a. m.—Assembly (business session, election of officers) in Auditorium.

12:30 p. m.—Time out for luncheon in local restaurants and cafes.

1:30 p. m.—Competitions, open to public without charge, at the high school field for bands, drum and bugle corps, color guards and drill teams.

—Competition (also open to public) for initiation and ritualistic teams in the American Legion clubhouse on Carson st. —Competition for small bore rifle teams (also open to public) at Torrance police pistol range off Torrance Blvd. and Cedar ave.

3:30 p. m.—Assembly for parade on streets near high school.

4 p. m.—Big parade. Route: Down Carson to left side of Caballo, to Sartori, to Post. Left on Post to Cravens, left on Cravens past reviewing stand on city hall steps to Marcelina. Right on Marcelina to Arlington and right to disbanding area.

5:30 p. m.—Dinner in local restaurants and cafes.

8 p. m.—Dance and presentation of trophies in Auditorium. Free to all Sons and their guests, American Legion and Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary members, parents and honorary guests.

12 midnight—End of dance.

LICENSES INVALID The department of motor vehicles today reminded motorists that "good until revoked" drivers licenses issued in July and August of 1929 are now invalid.

Assembly of Sons for units from more than 80 cities and communities of the Southland. A full day's program of activities has been mapped by Captain Carroll Parrish, Adjutant Lloyd A. Forrester, Jr., both of Los Angeles, and Robert L. Lewellen of Torrance, general chairman of the convention.

Beginning with registration of delegates at 8 a. m., the Sons' conclave will continue with committee and commission meetings at 9 o'clock, a business session



HOST TO SONS... Clifford Totten, captain of the Torrance Squadron, will be the official host to the Sons of the American Legion convention here Saturday. He will have the assistance of the entire local unit, composed of 50 young men,

and election of officers at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon, starting at 1:30 there will be competitions for bands, drum and bugle corps, color guards, drill teams, ritualistic units and rifle teams. A two-mile long street parade of all visiting Sons and their various musical and marching units will wind thru the Torrance business district at 4 o'clock.

Famed Corps in Parade A dance in the Civic Auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock and presentation of scores of trophies and medals to winning teams, will conclude the day's festivities.

Programs and policies of the Junior American Legion organization will be the main order of business at the Assembly session in the morning, with community betterment, Americanism, child welfare and disaster relief playing important roles in the discussions.

The two-hour-long parade in the afternoon will be headed by General P. Whitworth, U.S.A. retired, and his aides, Major Huntington and Brigadier General P. J. H. Farrell. Leading the array of bands, drum and bugle corps, color guards and drill teams will be the famed San Gabriel American Legion post's drum and bugle corps, winners of the U. S. championship for three years running. San Gabriel's color guard, state Legion champions for seven successive years, will also be seen in the parade.

Trophy Awards at Dance A number of Junior American Legion Auxiliary units, including drum and bugle corps and drill teams, and a score of attractive drum majorettes will lend color to the procession. Route of the parade, which will start forming at 8:30 o'clock on streets near the high school, will be: down Carson st. to left side of Caballo ave., to Sartori ave., to Post ave. Left on Post to Cravens ave. left on Cravens past a large reviewing stand erected on the steps of the city hall to Marcelina ave. (Continued on Page 3-B)

MAGS FOR SOLDIERS Your old magazines will be gladly received by the Torrance Fire department for shipment to the various army camps and forts on the Pacific Coast. Fire Chief J. E. McMaster says that the magazines will send the magazines to the army centers as fast as the supply is received.

Prison Terms for Four in Illegal Operations Ring

Three women and one man were denied probation and given prison sentences Tuesday in Long Beach superior court, for conspiring to commit illegal operations. Another man, who played a lesser role in the operations of the abortion ring, uncovered last December by raids on three places used by the group near Torrance, in Wilmington and Palos Verdes, was sentenced to 180 days in jail as a condition of two years' probation.

They were members of the illegal operations ring headed by Mrs. Mae Ramsey, who recently pleaded guilty to two counts and was sentenced to serve four to 10 years in the woman's prison at Tehachapi. Those sentenced Tuesday were one on each, or two to five years. They include a son and a daughter of Mrs. Mae Ramsey. Claude Ramsey will go to San Quentin Prison and the daughter, Marguerite Baird Green, will join her mother at Tehachapi. The others given prison sentences to Tehachapi were Lillian Foster and Grace Balch, both of Wilmington. William Crissman of Los Angeles received the only probationary sentence.

Mrs. Esther Ramsey, who pleaded guilty when the members of the ring were first arraigned, Monday was granted full probation. She is the wife of Claude Ramsey and probation was granted to her yesterday by Superior Judge Leslie E. Still after her counsel had informed the court that she assisted the prosecution in every way and that she had severed all relations with the Ramsey family.

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6th Driver Hired for City Bus System After Making Highest Grade

Having received the highest grade ever given by the examiner for the National Drivers' Analysis Bureau, Nelson Hawks of 2318 237th st. was appointed the sixth driver for the Torrance Municipal bus system by the city council at an adjourned meeting Tuesday afternoon on recommendation by L. J. Gilmeister, manager of the system. He will pilot a bus Sundays, holidays and in emergencies and will fill a 40-hour week by working on other jobs for the city.

S.A.L. Parade Order Saturday Announced

The outstanding public feature of the Sons of the American Legion convention in Torrance Saturday, June 7, will be the parade that is scheduled to start at 4 o'clock down Carson street. The route is published elsewhere in this edition but the following is the parade order for the various divisions and their units:

DIVISION I COMMAND AND STAFF GROUP

- FORMATION—Face Carson st. on Watson ave. 1. Police Motorcycle Escort. 2. Honorary Color Guard—San Gabriel American Legion Post, State Champions. 3. Honorary Drum and Bugle Corps—San Gabriel Post, State and National Champions. 4. General P. Whitworth, Honorary Grand Marshal. a. Major Huntington, Aide. b. Brigadier General P. J. H. Farrell, Grand Marshal. c. Captain Thomas C. Murphy, Adjutant. d. Captain Tom O'Brien, Aide. 5. City Officials. 6. American Legion State Officials. 7. American Legion Auxiliary State Officials. 8. National President of the Gold Star Mothers.

DIVISION II SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

- FORMATION—Face Carson st. on Manuel Ave. 1. Los Angeles Squadron No. 8 Color Guard, State Champions. 2. Community Squadron No. 46, Drum and Bugle Corps and Color Guard. 3. Massed National Colors. a. Fourth Area Color Guard. 4. Area Captain and Staff. 5. 17th District Squadrons. 6. 24th District Squadrons. a. 24th District Color Guard.

- 7. 23rd District Squadrons. a. 23rd District Band. b. 23rd District Color Guard. 8. 19th District Squadrons. a. 19th District Color Guard. b. Torrance Squadron Color Guard. 9. 18th District Squadrons. a. Long Beach Squadron No. 27, Color Guard. b. Long Beach Squadron No. 27, Drum and Bugle Corps. 10. 20th District Squadrons. 11. 16th District Squadrons. a. Hollywood Squadron No. 43, Color Guard. b. Hollywood Squadron No. 43, Band, State Champions. 12. Sons of the American Legion Chairmen.

DIVISION III JUNIOR AUXILIARIES

- FORMATION—Mrs. Hazel Weston, Commanding Front of high school, facing Watson ave. 1. Monterey Park Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps. a. Monterey Park Girls' Drill Team. 2. Leonard Wood Junior Auxiliary No. 125, Drill Team. 3. Maywood Junior Auxiliary No. 228, Drill Team. 4. Hawthorne Unit 314 Girls Drill Team. 5. Compton Union Secondary District Girls Drum and Bugle Corps. 6. Arthur L. Peterson Unit, Long Beach, Girls Drill Team. 7. West Hollywood Unit, Girls Drill Team.

DIVISION IV

- FORMATION—Face Carson st. on Marina ave. 1. Torrance High School Band and Color Guard 2. Baton Class of Signal Hill Post No. 490, American Legion. 3. Southwest Boys and Girls Band of Los Angeles. 4. Torrance Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. 5. Wilmington Majorette Drill Team, Drum and Bugle Corps. 6. Harris Melody Shop Band of Compton. 7. Torrance Girl Scouts and Brownies. 8. Southern California Military Academy Band